

[5th March 1925]

The location of the dumping ground of the Mangalore Municipality.

* 382 Q.—MR. J. A. SALDANHA : With reference to answers to questions Nos. 479 and 488 given on 4th March 1924, will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) what steps have been taken by the Government and the Mangalore Municipality for shifting the present dumping ground ;

(b) if no steps have been taken, the reasons for inaction ;

(c) what is the total of the difference between the ground-rent and agricultural assessment at Rs. 6-4-0 per acre under the terms of the Press Communiqué, dated 8th August 1922, that has accrued for the benefit of the Mangalore Municipality from 1st April 1923 ;

(d) whether it is a fact that the Sanitary Commissioner ordered the removal of the present dumping ground after his personal inspection of the place in 1915, and on what ground ;

(e) what was the view of the Director, Public Health (Dr. Russell's view), on the same subject after he visited the dumping site in October 1922, and on what grounds ;

(f) what opinion has been formed by Dr. Matthew, the present Director of Public Health, after his recent visit to Mangalore ; and what are the grounds for his opinion ;

(g) whether it is a fact that the night-soil is thrown into trenches on the dumping ground, not deeper than 1 to 2 feet and during heavy rains is washed down the slopes of the hill by a nulla into residential areas down below, which nulla overflows into the compounds and wells ;

(h) whether it is a fact that the Mangalore Municipal Council resolved in February 1924 to carry out the project of shifting the dumping ground to the place allotted by Government and provided the necessary amount in their budget ; and

(i) if so, what has prevented the municipality commencing operations to carry out the project ?

A.—(a), (b) & (i) In January 1924 the Government decided that steps should be taken to remove the existing dumping ground at Darabail to a new site as early as possible. The Collector was requested at the same time to submit proposals through the Board of Revenue for the alienation of the land required by the council in S.F. No. 22 for the dumping ground. From a report received from the Collector it appears that S.F. No. 22 is not considered suitable owing to the fact that it is not conveniently accessible, that the selection of a fresh site is under consideration and that the Chairman is awaiting the inspection notes of the Director of Public Health before taking further action.

(c) The Government have no definite information.

(d) No information is available on the point.

(e) Major Russell expressed an unfavourable opinion regarding the condition of the dumping ground and the manner in which it was maintained.

(f) & (g) An extract from Dr. Matthew's inspection notes is appended.*

(h) The Government have no information.